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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Gregory S. HAMILTON et al.

Serial No.: 09/204,236

Filing Date: December 3, 1998



Examiner: C. Chang

Art Unit: 1625

For: **N-LINKED SULFONAMIDES OF N-HETEROCYCLIC CARBOXYLIC ACIDS
AND CARBOXYLIC ACID ISOSTERES**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Official Action dated October 12, 2000. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire January 12, 2000. Accordingly, a Petition for One-month Extension of Time is attached hereto extending the period for reply to February 12, 2001.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-8, 11, 14-25, and 72-89 without any prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter expressed therein.

Please add the following new claims: